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**Subject:** Mandatory fire sprinklers

Dear Washington State Building Code Council

## Fire sprinklers

Fire sprinklers will only help extinguish affordable housing in Washington State.

I would like to respectfully ask you all to please vote against the mandatory fire sprinkler codes you are considering for our state. How will your children or grand children ever afford a new house when the costs associated with this code change are added to the rest of the fees that drive the cost of a new home through the roof? I think they deserve more thought than to make a choice based on the lobbying efforts of the special interest groups pushing for this. New homes are already safe. This rule will make more people have to buy older more statistically dangerous homes to live in because they won't be able to afford these costs. There should be a choice to have a fire sprinkler system in your home. Please don't take that choice away from the citizens of our state.

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